

LYNCHBURG CITY COUNCIL

Agenda Item Summary

MEETING DATE: **November 9, 2004**

AGENDA ITEM NO.: 7

CONSENT: **X**

REGULAR:

CLOSED SESSION:

(Confidential)

ACTION: **X**

INFORMATION:

ITEM TITLE: **Annie E. Casey Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative**

RECOMMENDATION: Amend the FY 2004 City/Federal/State Aid Projects Fund and appropriate \$87,000, fully reimbursable, to continue to fund the Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative.

SUMMARY: The Annie E. Casey Foundation and the Virginia State Department of Juvenile Justice have partnered with selected localities to initiate the Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI). The key principles of JDAI include: collaboration, reliance on data, objective admission screening, alternatives to secure detention and strategies to reduce racial disparities where they exist. The Department of Human Services will continue the partnerships established with Jubilee Family Development Center, Whiterock Educational Center and Fellowship Community Outreach Center to provide highly structured Day/Evening Reporting Sites that will serve as alternatives to secure detention. To date twelve youth have been referred to these sites in lieu of secure detention. Each site emphasizes accountability and competency development by focusing on academic improvement, employability, decision making and problem solving skills. The goals are to increase local alternatives to secure detention and to reduce the number of child care days in secure detention for minority juveniles before the court.

PRIOR ACTION(S): N/A

FISCAL IMPACT: No local cost, 100% reimbursement from the Virginia State Department of Juvenile Justice.

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ATTACHMENT(S): Resolution

REVIEWED BY: lkp

RESOLUTION:

BE IT RESOLVED that the FY 2004 City/Federal/State Aid Projects Fund is amended and \$87,000 is appropriated, fully reimbursable from the Department of Juvenile Justice, for the Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative.

Introduced:

Adopted:

Certified:

Clerk of Council

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